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For:

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER AND METHODS OF

PRODUCING THE SAME DEVICE AND WAFER

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 13, line 18, as follows:

Figures 2a-2d show one example of the method of the present invention for producing a semiconductor device.

Figures 3a-3b show another example of the method of the present invention for producing a semiconductor device.

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 13, line 25, as follows:

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Figures 6a-6c show one example of the conventional method for producing a semiconductor device.